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For: *Packaging Apparatus, Measuring and Packaging Apparatus, and Method for Producing Package*
Inventors: HASHIBA, et al.
Our Ref. No.: 358275.20013

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U.S. Patent Documents

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		5,170,609	Dec. 15, 1992	Bullock, et al.			Jan. 22, 1991
		6,254,911 B1	Jul 3, 2001	Komatsu			Nov. 2, 1999
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Foreign Patent Documents

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		GB 2 124 995 A	29 Feb. 1984	United Kingdom			X	
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Other Documents (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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